

THE AFTER HOURS FILM SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO ENTER THE 2008 STUDENT SHORT FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL

Welcome to the sixth annual student film festival hosted by the After Hours Film Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of cinema, both as an art form and as a medium of information and education. Our mission is to inspire, encourage, recognize and promote the work of student filmmakers. Entries are open to all students everywhere and will be judged by film professionals and educators who have a knowledge of and respect for creativity, originality, ambition and determination.

GUIDELINES

1. Festival entries are open to all students.
2. All films/videos must be submitted in the English language. If produced in languages other than English, they must be subtitled or dubbed.
3. Eligible entries may not exceed 30 minutes in length.
4. All genres accepted. (Fiction, Non-fiction, Animation/Experimental)
5. Entries may be made in any format but must be submitted on 1/2" VHS or DVD for jury screening.
6. Films must have been completed between January, 2003 and June, 2008 while the filmmaker was a full or part-time student of amateur status. No paid commercial, theatrical or TV releases will be accepted.
7. Postmark entry deadline: June 30, 2008.
8. Winners will be selected by a panel of film educators and professionals.
9. Winners agree to participate in the publicity for the After Hours Film Society as well as other promotional events including the AHFS web site.
10. First Place and Honorable Mention winners will be screened at a special After Hours program. The judges have the right to decide to show a portion of a film rather than the entire film if time becomes an issue.
11. The determination of the winners is final.

RULES

1. Applicants must submit completed and signed entry application with \$20 fee and VHS/DVD to the After Hours Film Society, Post Office Box 3534, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-3534, postmarked no later than June 30, 2008. (Entry fees are non-refundable.)
2. Each video or DVD should be labeled clearly with applicant's name, address, phone number, film title and running time.

*Please complete the following form and mail with entry to:
The After Hours Film Society, Attn: Submissions, P. O. Box 3534, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-3534*

Postmark Entry Deadline June 30, 2008

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2008 STUDENT SHORT FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL ENTRY APPLICATION

Film/Video Title _____

Running Time _____ Date of Completion _____

Category: Fiction Non-Fiction Animation/Experimental

Entry format: Video 1/2" VHS DVD

Must be in English, dubbed in English or subtitled in English.

PLEASE NOTE: Prizes will be made out to the Primary filmmaker.

Primary Filmmaker: _____

Secondary Filmmakers: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Country _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Eve) _____

E-mail _____

Name of School _____

City/State of School _____

Artist's Statement/Synopsis of Film: _____

Grammar School High School Undergraduate Graduate

I have read, understand and agree to all entry criteria and rules outlined here and have read the checklist below. I also grant to the After Hours Film Society the right to show this entry in whole or in part at the awards ceremony and to show it apart from the ceremony for the purpose of promoting the festival or the ceremony program. In addition, I will hold the After Hours Film Society free of liability due to loss or damage of the tape or DVD.

Signature of Applicant

Applicant checklist:

- \$20 check/money order (U.S. Funds) Note: returned checks are subject to a \$25 processing fee. If sending more than one entry, please submit fee and application for each entry.
- A self-addressed stamped postcard for verification of receipt of entry.
- A brief bio of filmmaker(s).
- Photocopy of Student ID
- Synopsis of film/filmmaker's statement.
- To guarantee the return of tape or DVD, a self-addressed, stamped envelope must accompany entry. In absence of this, the tape or DVD will not be returned.

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Please send all to:

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For future use in the student's portfolio, a formal statement of accomplishment will be presented to the student by the Festival Chair.

The After Hours Film Society will award over \$4,000.00 in cash prizes to students with consideration given to genre and level. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of our judges. All decisions will be final.

A selection of the winning entries will be screened at a special After Hours Film Society program at the Tivoli Theatre, 5021 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL (630-968-0219) tentatively scheduled for October 13, 2008.